M. D. HELM,
THOS. J. BRADY,
B. B. COOKE, JR.,
FRANK B. CONGER,
ja3 Stockholders. THE MICHIGAN STATE ASSOCIATION will meet in Odeon Hall, corner Pennsylvania avenue and Four-and-a-half street northwest, THIS EVENING, January 3, 1881, at 7 o'clock. A full attendance of all Michiganers living in the city is desired, as matters of importance will be considered.

Z. MOSES, President.

RICHMOND AND SOUTHWESTERN
RAILWAY COMPANY.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Richmond and Southwestern Railway Company will be held in Room 14, Corcoran Building, Wachington, D.
C., on WEDNESDAY, January 12, 1881, at 2 p. m.
BENJ. KIMBALL, Secretary.
December 28, 1880.

December 28, 1880. UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL COM
PANY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the
United States Commercial Company will be held at
the office of the company, Corcoran Building, Washington, D. C., on WEDNESDAY, January 12, 1881, at
3 p. m.
December 28, 1880.

that \$100 was planked down to cover the expense.
The amount was immediately forthcoming.

Mr. Horatio C. King was appointed special examiner for the purpose. The attorney started only
last week for New York, Mrs. Christiancy accompanying her counsel. At the examination Messrs. 8 p. m. December 28, 1880.

NOTICE. OFFICE OF THE
MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
NO. 502 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest,
Washington, December 31, 1880. The annual meeting of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia will be held on the THIRD MONDAY of JANUARY, 1881, the 17th proximo, at ODD FELLOWS' HALL, Seventh street, between D and E streets northwest, commencing at 9

between P and E server.

O'clock a. m.

By the charter of the company the election of seven managers to constitute a board to conduct the affairs of the company is required to be held at the above neeting. By the sixth article of the by-laws of the company By the sixth article of the by-laws of the company it is provided: "At the annual meeting of the com-pany the first business in order shall be the appoint-ment of a chairman, who shall conduct the meeting and election in accordance with the act of incorpora-tion, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 6 p. m." All policy-holders are requested punctually to at-

Amount of premium notes held by the es by fire during the year ending De-aber 21, 1880 

By order of the board of managers of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, jal-td J. WESLEY ROTELER, Secretary. STOCKHOLDERS MEETING. The stockholders of the National Fair Association will assemble in general meeting at noon on MON-DAY, January 10, 1881, at Shea's Hall, 632 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, for the purpose of electing eleven (11) directors and for the transaction of such business as may come before them. Polls open at two (2) and close at four (4) o'clock p. m.

By order of the board of directors.

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the year 1881 will be due on the 1st of January, and, if
not paid within THIRTY DAYS from that date, the
law authorizes the water to be cut off and the penalty
of \$2\$ to be added to the bill.

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THOS. C. COX, Water Registrar.

WASHINGTON MARKET COMPANY. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wash-In annual meeting of the stockholders of the washington Market Company will be held at the office of the company, on Pennsylvania avenue, in the city of Washington, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the first MONDAY (being the 3d day) of JANUARY, 1881, for the choice of thirteen directors for the ensuing year, and to act on any other subject within the power of the corporation.

B. D. WHITNEY, Secretary.

WASHINGTON. December 23, 1880. dc24-td sing the 3d day) of JANUARY, 1881, for the choic

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECT TORS by the Stockholders of the NATIONAL METROPOLITAN FIRE INSURANCE COM-PANY of the District of Columbia will be held on the SECOND MONDAY OF JANUARY, (being Market Space. Polls will be opened between the hours of 12 m. and 2 o'clock p. m.

By order of the Directors.

de20-td SAM. CROSS, Secretary.

DR. FLODOARDO HOWARD HAS RE-moved his office and residence to 1019 F street, corner Eleventh street n. w., and has associated with him in the practice of Medicine N. HOWARD H. BARKER. Office hours—9 to 10:30 a. m.; 12:30 to 1 p. m. and 3 to 4 n. m. SPECIAL NOTICE.

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### GIRO'S TESTIMONY.

STATUS OF THE CHRISTIANCY CASE.

The Proceedings in New York-What Giro Swore to Before the Commissioner-Mrs. Christiancy Flatly Denies the Accusation He Makes Against Her.

Much has been said and published about the now famous Christiancy divorce suit, and the public interest is thoroughly awakened. Recently Mrs. Christiancy held the winning hand, and had the hotel clerk and hackman for strong side-cards. This deal did not satisfy the other side, and before throwing up and declaring themselves beaten they asked the equity court for another chance, stating that they wanted to take the testimony of one witness in New York, known as Edel Giro. The judge granted the application on condition

E. C. Ingersoll and Ingersoll Lockwood, special counfel for Edel Giro, appeared for Minister Christiancy, and Mr. John N. Oliver for Mrs. Christianev. The latter was present only part of

THE REPUBLICAN bearing that Mrs. Christianey and her counsel, Mr. Oliver, had returned home last night, sent out a scout who succeeded in finding Mr. Oliver, and taking him into camp. At first Mr. Oliver was disinclined to talk on the subject, but when shown the statements that had been made he changed his mind, saying that he wanted the truth to appear. He then produced a copy of the deposition of Giro (who pronounces it as if spelt Hero), from which the following extract was

GIRO'S DEPOSITION. The witness testified that he was thirty-seven years of age, a business agent, and resided at 42 East Union Square, in the city of New York. He knew Mrs. Christianey, and met her on November 17, 1879, on the steamer Acapulco after it left Colon, South America, and was introduced to her by Mr. Ruiz, a Peruvian banker from Lima. On the ship he paid the attentions to her that a gentleman would to a lady who seemed sea-sick. He walked the promenade deck with her; took her to meals, and escorted her to the cabin when she wished to retire, and repeatedly visited her in her cabin. He was never there late in the evening, except when was never there late in the evening, except when she was unwell. They were eight days on the trip, and arrived in New York November 24. They took a carriage and went together to the St. Nicholas Hotel. She registered there under the name of Mrs. H. H. Wharton. Two or three hours after he left her at the hotel she sent a messenger boy after him, asking that he return immediately as, the gentleman who was to come for her at the hotel had not made his appearance, and she wanted Giro's advice what to do. He went to the hotel an hour later and the gentleman went to the hotel an hour later and the gentleman that she was expecting had arrived, and she told THE ALMANACH DE GOTHA FOR 1881. the witness she was going to Washington that afternoon; he did not see her again in New York; he next saw her in this city, December 24, 1879, when he arrived on the limited express the afternoon of that day; he came at the request of Mrs. Ohristiancy, and she, in company with another lady, met him at the depot opposite the St. James H. 'el; they parted at the depot, and he went to the hotel; he saw Mrs. Christiancy at her house the same evening and went to dine with her and another lady at and went to dine with her and another lady at a

AT THE ST. JAMES. The next day he saw her again at her house, and about noon they took a carriage and went to the St. James Hotel, where he registered her as Mrs. G. Giro, and they went to his room, No. 37 or 47. He told her that in order to take her up to his room that she would heve to register in that way and she agreed to it. They were in the room about two hours; the door was locked ane no one else was present. She wore a dark dress and a veil. The veil was

not over her face, but on her hat. They left the room and hotel together, and the witness took her back home in the same carriage He was asked if he had any criminal intimacy with Mrs. Christianey while they occupied the The witness declined to answer because the

honor of a lady was involved.

Mr. Ingersoll said that the offense of adultery and fornication were not, under the laws of the District of Columbia, subject to prosecution by indictment and requested the examiner to execute his office under the law against the witness for refusal to testify.

Mr. Oliver objected to the question, because it was a cross-examination of the plaintiff's own witness; second, that the question had already been answered, and he objected to the examiner forcing

The special examiner read to the witness the section of the code of New York upon that point, and informed him of the penalty for refusing to ons had existed between them while occupying the rooms at the hotel.

GIRO'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH MRS. CHRISTIANCY. Mr. Giro then went on to say that sub-equent to this occurrence he had received fifty or more let-ters from Mrs. Christiancy, a few of which he still had, the others having been delivered to Mr. Blood at the request of Mrs. Christiancy, for which he took a receipt. The few that he kept were for s protection, as he had proofs of a plot between lood, a go-between named Barnum, and the deidant, to have him indicted in this city by false testimony. He said that he had never had any transactions with Mrs. Christiancy except love affairs. All the letters sent him were addressed to Dr. C. L. Blood, with the initials E. G. in the

Subsequently he was shown two letters addressed to Daniel Jackson, and stated that they were in Mrs. Christiancy's handwriting. He estimated the jewerry which he had let Mrs. Christiancy have as worth \$490, and it was not given,

HOW GIRO LOOKS. The man Giro is about five feet six inches high and of slight, spare build. He has a narrow face, with brown moustache. What there is of his hair is of the same color. He is bald from the forehead to the back of the poll. He is quite stylish in appearance, dresses in the height of the fashion and seems to be a favorite with the ladies. Al though Mrs. Christiancy was in the room part of the time while Giro was testifying, she did not no-tice him on entering the room; neither did any recognition pass between them while there.
"Mr. Oliver, were those jewels really valuable?" ired THE REPUBLICAN. They have been appraised by an expert in the

mploy of Messrs. Ball & Black, of New York, and e values them at \$195." What is the difficulty about their ownership?" "Just this. Last summer Dr.C. L. Blood was sent here by Giro to see Mrs. Christianey. He had an interview with her at her house and once acci-dentally at my office. That was the extent of the acquaintanceship. He brought a letter from Giro saying that he (Blood) was his most intimate friend on the earth and the only man that he knew in this country that he could trust. 418 Seventh street. Subsequently, in order to get the jewelry back into the possession of Giro, Mrs. Christiancy sent it to Dr. Blood. The latter said and claimed that the br. Blood. The inter sad and chained that the jewelry originally belonged to him, and he loaned it to Gro, who sent it to Mrs. Christiancy. When Dr. Blood got if into his possession he kept it and still holds it. Some time in the month of November last Blood and Giro had a falling out, and Blood was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Giro, charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses (referring to the jewelry) and \$2,000 in

cash. He was subsequently dismissed by Justice Patterson. I have examined the depositions taken that case, and there I find that Giro admits that he was confined in the Moyamensing prison, at Philadeiphia, for grand larceny, but de-clined to tell who had him arrested because there was a lady connected with it. He also admitted that he had been twice arrested in New York for disorderly conduct. He is now under bail for an attempt to suborn a witness to swear falsely in his civil suits with Dr. Blood." WHAT MES, CHRISTIANCY SAYS.

In order to get the other side of the story, THE REPUBLICAN made a successful effort to obtain a statement from Mrs. Christiancy. Her story is in substance as follows: She has returned home quite sick. She contracted a severe cold, besides having been for the past two weeks under considerable nervous excitement, which has almost completely rostrated her. She admits meeting Mr. Giro on the steamer and

coming to New York with him on the same boat. After she reached home, in this city, he wrote frequently and telegraphed for permission to come and see her. She wrote back, telling him not to come. He did not heed her, but came, and on Christmas, 1879, he called at her house. Before leaving he offered to make her a present of the jewels, and she declined to accept them. He said that he would leave them anyhow, and, walking out, he left them on the sitting room table. She denied ever having accompanied him to any hotel in this city, and said that she never saw him again while in the city after calling at her house. The story goes that Giro was terribly in love with Mrs. Christiancy, and wished to marry her in case she was successful in getting a divorce, but she declined the premature proposal. This riled the foreigner's blood and he sought revenge. It is thought that revenge was his motive for testi-fying in the manner that he did. The case is now boiling pretty lively, and the counsel for the lady promises that there will be some developments ere long that will be more surprising than any yet

turned up to the public gaze. Helping the Poor. Major Brock and the police lieutenants Saturday

received many contributions for the relief of the poor, including money and bundles of clothing Major Brock has received up to the present time in the relief of needy and worthy persons through the police lieutenants. Saturday night the Major sent an order to the various lieutenants, instructing them to relieve promptly all worthy of relief.

Among the contributions received by the police yesterday were three cords of wood and six double yesterday were three cords of wood and six double woolen blankets sent in by Mr. George J. Johnson. Commissioner Morgan received \$100 from Sir Edward Thornton and \$25 from Calderon Carlisle. In many parts of the city private parties are engaged in extending relief directly to the poor about them; Coal dealers, provision dealers, and housekeepers have constant appeals made to them, and in most cases, where the applicant for eid is worthy the appeals are not made in vain aid is worthy, the appeals are not made in vain.

A Bold Hat Robbery.

Saturday evening several colored men entered Michael Leahy's restaurant on C street, near Twelfth, where a number of white men were playing billards. Having been refused drinks, they severally made grabs for the heads of the white men, and, seizing their hats, made off with them. Two of them, Charles Langston and George H. Addison, were afterward arrested and locked up at the Fifth Precinct station house.

### DISTRICT BREVITIES.

The Weather To-Day. For New England and the Middle States, including the District of Columbia, slightly warmer and partly cloudy weather during the day, with southerly to westerly winds, in the extreme northern portions light snow, fol-lowed by lower temperature on Tuesday morning. The thermometric readings yesterday were as follows: 7 a. m., 16°: 11 a. m., 21°: 2 p. m., 26°; 3 p. m., 27°: 9 p. m., 20°; 11 p. m., 14°. Maximum, 13°; minimum, 14°.

Prominent Arrivals. Arlington—C. E. Johnson, Howard Carroll, New York; W. H. Moulton, Portland, Maine; T. D. Lincoln, Hon. Amos Townsend, Ohio..... Wormley's—P. LaMontaign, R. Davies, New York; Mrs. Bigelow Lawrence, Massachusetts..... Rigg's—Hon. A. G. Porter, Indiana; D. C. Ely, New York; Cyrus Turner, St. Louis; J. W. Bryan, Kentucky...... Ebbill—Hon. Oscar Turner, Kentucky; John C. Tidbail, J. C. Veder, U. S. A.; W. H. W. Jones, H. C. Wright, Colonel W. B. Lane, Richard J. Dodge, U. S. A.; Governor Lew Wallace, New Mexico; M. P. Norton. New York..... Willard's—Ex-Mayor P. Norton, New York. ... Willard's—Ex-Mayor Henry Overstolz, Leverett Bell, St. Louis; Rufus Randell, New York; J. M. Randell, New York; Charles P. Lyman, Massachusetts; C. C. Eggert, Philadelphia; L. E. Hart, Plainfield, New Jersey ..... National—Hon. John E. Kenna, North Carolina.

The extra large edition of THE REPUB-LICAN'S illustrated New Year's greeting and interesting supplement issued on Saturday under the new management of the paper having been exhausted, a new edition will be ready this morning

and can be had at the business office. "It is an ill wind that blows snow The Michigan State Association holds a meeting this evening in Odeon Hall. Mr. Vennor will please understand that we are fully satisfied, and accept this as notice to

The new time-table of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, printed elsewhere, goes into effect to-day. The police made fifty-one arrests during Saturday and Saturday night-a good begin-

ng for the New Year. Mary Trout, the supposed victim of the alleged outrage in the Smithsonian grounds last June, has left for Boston. Forty gallons of milk, contributed by Mr. William Smith, were distributed to the guests at the night lodging house Saturday.

Ben. Cooley's hack, stolen Friday night, from the corner of Sixth and Pennsylvania avenue, was recovered by the police Saturday. Officer Townsend R. Hobbes, of the Metropolitan police force, died Saturday morning after a lingering illness of consumption.

Some wealthy people act as if they think that as long as the poor have food for reflec-tion that is enough to keep them from starving. Only twenty-three arrests for drunkenness were made by the police Saturday, but it is not believed that everybody who was drunk was E. D. Price, for ten years dramatic critic

of the Detroit Post and Tribune, and now business manager for John McCullough, the tragedian, is at A colored man named Jesse Meeks found a colored male infant in the Capitol grounds Saturday night and took it to the Seventh precinct

We have not seen a lightning-calculator or an adhesive glue man orating to a street-crowd for several days. What is the matter? Are they afraid of sunstroke? The gas metres have taken to exploding. One burst in the Baltimore and Ohio passen-

ger office Saturday evening, while being repaired, but luckily did little damage. The ice was broken at Occoquan last Friday while the thermometer registered 14° below zero, and Mr. J. W. Davis was baptized into the Primitive Baptist Church.

right arm caught in the machinery. In consequence of Dr. Domer's sickness the pulpit of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church was yesterday morning filled by Rev. Mr. Denni-son. There was no service there last night. Suppose some of these coal dealers who have run prices up should die while the thermometer is at zero, who doubts but that they would find a hotter climate? The thought is very con-

The horse-car drivers are entitled to the sympathy of everybody this horribly cold weather. Their sufferings are extreme. Every man of them finishes his trips in a half-frozen con-

The Georgetown Gas Company declines to furnish gas for the street lamps at the price fixed by the Commissioners, so, unless the matter ted, Georgetown may be enveloped hereafter in dense darkness. Saturday morning a portable range in Mrs. Wallace's house, No. 1465 L street, exploded, injuring Mrs. Wallace severely, besides knocking a servant over. The servant's clothing eaught on

fire but was quickly extinguished. A white woman named Lulu B. Easton, arrayed in a white satin reception dress, was picked up in the streets by the police Saturday night for being drunk and disorderly and locked up in the Fifth precinct station.

A defective flue in William I. Vanderhp's house, No. 2100 H street northwest, caused a fire about nine o'clock Saturday night, which damaged the property to the amount of \$25. An alarm was turned in from box 312. A shed or wooden awning in front of P.

P. Little's store, corner of Eighth and E streets southeast, broke down yesterday under the weight of snow under it and did much damage to the windows and goods stored therein. A horse attached to a sleigh belonging o Mr. T. T. Woods ran away on Pennsylvania avenue about half-past four o'clock Saturday evening, and Mr. Woods was thrown out in the snow at the

orner of Eleventh street, but not greatly injured. Men don't stand around the corners hese days leaning against lamp-posts, gazing at the street-sights or gossiping with acquaintances, talking politics or religion, or discussing any other The police are saved the trouble to order oafers to " Move on!" At a number of the churches yesterday

it was announced that on next Sunday there would

be a special collection taken up for the poor of the District, whose present condition was set forth in a brief statement calculated to move the hearts of those to sweet charity inclined. A colored man named Bob McKenny chased Cornelius Twine (colored) on Thirteenth street with a pistol Saturday night, for which hos-tile demonstration McKenny was locked up in the

Fifth precinct station. McKenny had been gam-bling and lost some money, which was won by Assistant District Attorney Perry gave

the four young men accused of the Trout outrage they were released. John Roeca, one of the young men, was arrested for drunkenness Saturday night, showing how deep an impression the advice made Yesterday afternoon, while Miss Lilv

Ingle was enjoying a sleigh-ride on the Avenue, near the Circle, she became frightened at the approach of a runaway horse and jumped out of the sleigh and fell heavily to the ground, dislocating her left shoulder. She was taken to Dr. Newman's office, where she was attended to and sent home. A detachment of the District of Columbia Artillery, under command of Orderly Ser-geant Meagher, fired a salute of twenty-one shots New Year's Day in the yard of the Quariermaster's corral, as it was found impossible to remove the guns to any other position on account of the snow, no transportation being furnished by the ommissioners or Governmen

There is a good deal of talk about what "army circles" think. There are two kinds of army circles. One kind talks in the warm lobby of a Washington hotel, precise to a button and anxious as to a frown on the fringe of a mock turtle soup, while its members hold their fingers over a register heater, and the other kind fights cold Indians and is far away from home, Washington, and lobby.—New York Herald. Elizabeth Brown and her husband, a

olored couple residing on Eighteenth street, near D northwest, engaged in a dispute Saturday afternoon over some family matters, and in the heat of the discussion the woman seized a carving knife and made a vicious lunge at her husband's head. He ducked to avoid the blow, but was not quite quick enough, as the point touched his head, inflicting a slight scalp wound. Officer Baxter pre-vented any further hostilities by disarming the belligerent Mrs. Brown and taking her to the Fourth precipct station.

uddenly about ten o'clock on Saturday of rheuma tism of the heart, at the surgeon's quarters in the navy yard. Dr. Wells had been complaining of be-ing unwell in the past few days, but nothing seri-ous was feared by his wife. She was busily preparing to make the callers of the New Year's Day happy when she was suddenly called to his bed-side. He expired almost without side. He expired almost without a struggle. Dr. Wells has been stationed at the navy yard for the past two years, and during that time he has made many warm friends in and about the yard. In the death of this officer the navy will lose a faithful servant and the wife a kind and indulgent hus-band. He entered the navy from the State of Ver-Major Brock has received up to the present time in cash nearly \$600, and the money is expended for almost continuously employed up to the time of

> A Pleasant New Year's Call. The apprentices of the Government Printing Ofhis residence, No. 7 I street northeast, Saturday, to pay their respects and present him with a handsome gold-headed cane. The presentation address was made by Mr. Frank Z. Maguire, and was a pleasing and happy effort. As Mrs. Schell was in the secret, a bountiful repast was prepared for the young gentlemen, to which, it is needless to say, they did ample justice. After wishing Mr. Schell "A Happy New Year," they withdrew, much pleased with their visit and quite proud of their foreman.
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> of our fellow-men, love of husbands, wife, and children, love of the immortal truth, all bind and join together the elements that without this potent tie would resolve society, governments, and all the weak bulwarks of modern civilization back into savage chaos.
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> It is our Father, whose name is love, who sends our burdens upon us and gives us the strength to bear them, and so fashions all things best for us, "for love's own sweetest sake;" for this is the

A Fire at the Gas Works. The alarm sounded from box 314 shortly before thy neighbor as thyself." midnight was caused by the burning of an oil tank belonging to the Gas Company at G street wharf. It was situated a considerable distance from the gas works, and the firemen had no difficulty in confining the flames to the shed in which they originated. The damage will not exceed \$1,500, which is fully covered by insurance.

### PULPIT LESSONS.

SOME OF YESTERDAY'S DISCOURSES.

Rev. Dr. Rankin's New Year's Sermon-Dr. Su derland's Remarks on the Vicissitudes of Life-Rev. Mr. Mayo Speaks Regarding the Power of Love.

At the Congregational Church yesterday morning a large congregation was present. Among them were Yung Wing, of the Chinese Legation, and wife; Hon. Messrs. Windom, Monroe, Burrows, and Haskell, and their families, who are regular worshippers. Mrs. Powell sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" during the offertory. Dr. Rankin preached from the twelfth verse of the Thirty-ninth Pslam: "Hear my prayer, O, Lord, for I am a stranger with Thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were."

best purposes, of the imperfections of the best per-formances, the change in the complexion of life, the loss of friends by alienation, by distance, by death, and all of this without God, how lonely and homeless it must be. Time is so precious that God gives to us only a grain at a time. Every year we invert the glass, and these precious sands of gold begin to run through again. One-seventh of them are lit with the light of heaven. He calls them His, but the more they are His the more they are ours: but the more they are His the more they are ours; and not one of them falls without marking an oppor and notone of them falls without marking an oppor-tunity lost or an opportunity improved, a victory or a defeat, a record of glory or of shame. Time, says Richter, is the chrysalis of eternity. Out of it how shall we come forth—to life everlasting or to everlasting contempt? A stranger and a sojourner with God—this is the Psalmist's idea of life. Let us think of it this first Lord's day in the year. The idea of being a stranger and a sojourner with God was not original with the Psalmist. He himself says, "as all my fathers were." We read the same thing of Abraham and all the other patriarchs; and even when God's people here came into pos-session of the Holy Lands; He will not let them become rooted there. He still holds them to the idea that they are strangers and solourners. Every Jubilee Year He looses their hold of it, saying, "The land shall not be sold, for the land is mine." Ye are my tenants at will. Whenever I say, ye must break up and come home. The sacred poet has put the same idea into the lines—

"Here in the body pent, Absent from Thee I roam,

Yet nightly pitch my moving tent A day's march nearer home.' The old nomadic life of the East; the life which Abraham and Isaac and Jacob actively lived; the life which David lived in early youth; the life of the shepherd wandering here and there for water and pasturage; the old nomadic life is the best type of the life of faith; it is the life of the stranger and sojourner. What it is to be a stranger in a and sojourner. What it is to be a stranger in a strange land; to hear in the streets the jargon of a strange language; to see around us only foreign sights; to be in affliction under such circumstances as Abraham was when Sarah died, and he was forced to buy of the children of Heth a burial place for her. God grant you and I may never your But there is something in every Christain know. But there is something in every Christain life which answers to it. But because we are pilgrims and strangers it does not follow that we are not entitled to the best the world can give. True religion is not repression; it is expression; it imreligion is not repression; it is expression; it implies the consecration of men's best to God; it implies joy in all the departments of power and service; it implies being rounded into the fullness of a vigorous manhood; and it takes all kinds of culture and all kinds of experience to accomplish this. But the Psalmist is not a solitary stranger and solourner. He has a coma solitary stranger and solourner. He has a com panion. He is a stranger and a sojourner with God. In this is implied three things, the with God. In this is implied three things, the presence and society of God, the guidance of God, and God's friendly guidance and society.

Dr. Rankin then reminded the congregation of its members who had died during the past year, ten in all, and closed as follows: "The new year comes and they are here no more forever. They

cease to be strangers and sojourners. They have not ceased to be with God. To-day we eat the bread and drink the wine which He has furnished Thomas McMirch, a miller employed at Herr & Cissel's mill, in Georgetown, was severely injured Saturday morning by having his right arm caught in the machinery. home to God. Let us be found with the bridegroom watching.' Dr. Sunderland on the Times.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian

Church listened to an interesting discourse by the pastor, Rev. Byron Sunderland, yesterday morning, his text being the fifteenth verse of the thirty first Psalm-"My times are in Thy hands." He said times, in the Hebrew sense, signified vicissitudes, fortunes, and destinies, all of which were in God's power to give or take away. To everything there was a season or time, and the completest enumeration of them was to be found in the third chapter of Ecclesiastics, which stated that there were twenty-eight seasons or times in a human life. There was a power behind the curtain which controlled all these seasons; the Christian said it was God and the infidel nature. Both agreed, however, that it was a blind, unreasoning, remorseless power producing and destroying in an unending series of births and deaths. It continually interferred not only with the general business of the world, but with the life of each numan being down to its minute details. Some said that men's chances were in their own hands but this was an erroneous iden, as was proven by the course of events, for it was little that he could lo to work out his own salvation without the help of God and His angels. That our chances or times were in their hands could be illustrated in the matter of travel of to-day. The word of God predicted it long ago when it sald that chariots with flaming torches would rage through the streets, jostle together in the roadways, and run like the lightning. A pretty good discription of modern railroads. A vigorous winter came on. The sky shed a soft fleece on the track which the wind oiled high above the level grade. A train plunged into the bank, which extinguished the fire in the engine, and silence and cold reigned. How pitiful and helpless mortals were then, but God with His power held their fate in His hands and succored them. If it were possible to have a system without God, in which there were the same exposures to evil without the power to estrain them, the need of a comforter would be known. In this life men were running a race, for which God held the watch. Every human being was on the course, but knew neither the goal nor the time required to reach it. In this respect our eyes were scaled. To-day, for instance, there is a famous blind horse who wins races by his hearing. He was analagous of the human contestants in the race of life. Although they could not see an inch, they heard the voice of the driver and kept on. In this day what a value was placed upon time, the aim of the whole world being to gain time, and after the object was attained it was quick work, and all was over. The condition of the world today showed the wondrous power of God, and all nations acknowledged it, and their prosperity was the strongest evidence that He held their times in His hands. Everywhere the drum beat of Chris-tian faith was heard calling mankind to prayer, and the sun in his diurnal round saw Christ bowed in supplication, crying, "Thy will be done."

Rev. A. D. Mayo on the Power of Love. At All Souls' Church yesterday there was quite the subject of "For Love's Sake." As the preliminary lesson, the reverend gentle-

man read the fourth chapter of the First Epistle of under that name, but frequently two or three fast John, which is so replete with exhortations to horses would get abrest and there would be a brotherly love, and then selected as a text for his discourse Genesis, xxix:20—"And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her." From this exquisitely beautiful story of the Patriarch's sojourn in the land of Mesapotamia was evolved a strain of thought showing the power of love, and its sway even over the pas of selfishness; which, alas! too frequently is the great motive and end in human life. With consummate skill the speaker took up the theme of man's daily life—its passions and struggles; and pointed out how, by trifles the most minute, the

triving to rid themselves of life's heavy burdens, The first class availed themselves of every means or diverting their minds from the fetters that gall into the flesh, and dash into pleasure or drown the dull pain of care by an endless round of toil that leaves no room for thought.

The second depends upon the charity and sympathy of their brethren, and clank their chains unceasingly to draw help from their stronger fel-

The third class are those who, though heaviest burdened, hide their crosses from all eyes, and, sustained by the mighty power of love, tread the thorny pathway of life with smiling lip and beam-Fourth precipet station.

Sudden Death at the Navy Yard.

The many friends of Surgeon C. J. Stuart Wells, U. S. N., will be pained to learn that he died quite tired hands at last find rest under the icy touch of death. It is for love's sweet sake that the frail girl toils in the poisy factory or behind the counter from dawn until star-light, and then creeps back with trembling limbs to her humble home, where the smiles of those for whom she is wearing her life away are the sole joys of her dreary existence. Nations point to the good order and harmony existing within their borders, and boast how lawabiding is that class of their population who bear life's heaviest burdens, the hewers of wood and the drawers of water, who wring out a bare exist-ence amid the luxury and wealth of their great capitals. Lift the veil from the inner life of toilers and it is found that the restraining influence that holds this vast multitude in check is the ence that notes this vast multitude in check is the simple power of love—love of kindred, love of country, love bound up in some earthly tie, or reaching out to the Father in Heaven for that help and support promised to all those weary and heavy

This is God's way of holding the struggling unifice waited on their foreman, Charles W. Schell, at his residence. No. 7 I street northeast, Saturday, to of our fellow-men, love of husbands, wife, and

bear them, and so fashions all things best for us, "for love's own sweetest sake;" for this is the whole duty of man, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy strength, and Death of Professor Fred Prosperi.

some months with an affection of the throat. De ceased was one of the best-known musicians of the national capital, and was a member of the Marine Band for thirty-four years, having entered the corps in 1840 at the age of six years only. His father was a noted musician, and his brothers who survive him are attached to the band. He served in the Mexican war and during the rebellion. As a piccolo and flute player Prosperi was best known. The wonderful notes he evolved from the former instrument gained for him more than a local repu-tation. He was a fine violinist and good composer and arranger of music. He left the Marine Band some years ago, when the unfortunate selection of Schneider, the French communist, was made as leader, a position which many thought should have been given to Prosperi from his long service and known musical ability. He leaves a wife and chil-dren. The funeral will take place from his late idence, No. 615 G street southeast, to-morrow

#### afternoon at two o'clock. THE THEATRES THIS WEEK.

Child of the State," "The Snow-Flower," and "Boy Detective"-Dramatic Notes. Now that the holidays are over, and Congress will again assemble day after to-morrow, the in Life without God, the sense of passing years, of flux of strangers will commence, and it may opportunities forever gone, of the frailty of the safely be predicted that the number will steadily increase up to the 4th of March next. As a necessary consequence the greatest attractions in the matter of amusements will be presented during that period, and the greatest harvests will be reaped by the managements. The announcements for this week are as follows:

Ford's Opera House-"A Child of the State." The drama with the above title, which was adapted by Mr. George Hoey, and which was successfully produced at Wallack's Theatre last season, will be presented for the first time in this city to-night at Ford's Opera House. The play is said to be a strong one, abounding in startling situations, and it will be presented by a company fully competent to do it justice. In regard to the play the New York Tribune says: "The situations are strong and intensely dramatic. There are several most painful, almost volcanic crises in this work, resultant on the danger that a wife's secret of a preliminary and compli-cating maternity will be exposed to the husband, who has wedded her with perfect confidence in her unsullied past."

National Theatre-Kate Claxton. Miss Kate Claxton, who has become so thorough ly identified with the play of the "Two Orphans" that an announcement of her engagement naturally suggests that play, will appear at the National Theatre this evening and open, not in the "Orphans," but in "The Snow Flower," in which she has this season achieved a decided success, and of which play the New York Sun speaks as follows: "The pretty stage of the Bijou Theatre was attrac-tivhly filled last evening by Miss Kate Claxton, Mr. Charles H. Stevenson, and their dramatic company. Mr. Boucicault's drama, "Pauvrette," produced suc-cessfully over twenty years ago in this city, was very elaborately and skillfully presented. It has been irearranged by the author for Miss Claxton's benefit, with the new name of "Snow Flower;" and it was received last night by a large and fashionable audience with no little warmth and "It is a romantic play, and abounds in occasions of interest. It will, however, suit Miss Claxton's purpose. The leading character is in great part

purpose. The leading character is in great part adapted to her, and she will undoubtodly attain a popular success in it."

Miss Claxton is quite popular in this city, and her engigement will no doubt be a successful one. Theatre Comique. The stellar attraction at the Comique this week will be Mr. N. S. Wood, who will appear in his own

drama, entitled "The Boy Detective." This young actor is said to possess extraordinary talent, and his play is said to contain all the elements of sensanis play is said to contain an the elements of sensa-tion that could possibly be desired. The specialty artists, Clark and Edwards, Mealy and Mackey, Frank White, Lillian Dayton, Howard and Sanford, &c., will appear in what is promised to be the most attractive bill of the season

NOTES OF THE STAGE. Lawrence Barrett is delighting the New Yorkers

by his masterly impersonation of Yorick in Howell's exquisite play of "Yorick's Love," at the Park Miss Anna Dickinson and Fanny Davenport will, it is said, soon be involved in a lawsuit, the latter having decided to give up playing "An American Girl." Fanny, by the way, proposes to add "Ca-

mille" to her repertory.

"Rose Michel" has been revived by M. Chabrillat in the Paris Ambigu with great success, due prin-cipally to the return to the stage of Anais Fargueil, who again plays the leading role which she created when the play was originally produced. The Strakosch-Hess English Opera Company closed a brilliant season at Cincinnation Saturday afternoon, Mme. Marie Rose appearing as Marguerette and Helen in Bolto's "Mefistofele." After the performance Mme. Rose had quite a

Two new plays have recently been produced in Paris, neither of which are said to contain the elements of permanancy, viz: "Garibaldi" and "Les Ouvriers du Faubourg Antoine." The same remark will apply to the new comic opera, "La Mere des Compagnous," the music of which is by Heroe, and the libretto by Messrs. Chevot and Dunn. At the National Theatre next Monday evening the eminent tragedian, Mr. John McCullough, will commence an engagement that promises to be one of exceptional brilliancy. His great success this season, especially in New York, where he inspired genuine enthusiasm, is a matter of theatrical record. He will present his strongest persona-tions, opening with "Richelleu," in which he is greatly admired by Washington play-goers. Henry Irving, the great English actor, with whom Edwin Booth is now dividing the honors in London, is about five years younger than Mr.

London, is about five years younger than Mr. Booth. He made his first appearance on the stage when but eighteen; then played in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, and other provincial cities. He acquired a reputation in heavy parts, becoming known as "Villain Irving," and he subsequently gained success as a comedian, happily representing such characters as Charles Surface, Young Marlove, Sir Anthony Absolute, Petruchio, &c. H. L. Bateman, when manager of the Lyceum Theatre is credited with discovering Irving's tal-Theatre, is credited with discovering Irving's tal-ent for tragedy and with giving him a national reputation. He very adroitly manipulated the actor, who had hitherto been known almost entirely as a comedian and melo-dramatist. Irving's ilet, first produced October 31, 1874, created a mmotion, many critics condemning it roundly Whether it is good is still a question, though there no doubt of its originality. Since then many ondon play-goers have come to regard him as an lustrious Shakspearean artist, while others contend that his forte is melo-drama. Those who do not admire him at all in Shakspeare are enthusiastic about his double character of Lesurgues and Dubose in the "Lyons Mail," and his personation of Vanderdecken, in Wills and Fitzgerald's ideal frama of the same name.

### PROSPECTIVE FUN.

A Sleighing Carnival Proposed for Tomorrow on the Avenue. The owners of sleighs and fast horses, determined to make the best of it while the snow lasts, were a large congregation assembled at the eleven a. m. out in force yesterday, and the scenes that have service to hear the Rev. A. D. Mayo, of Boston, on | made the avenue so attractive during the past week were re-enacted. As it was Sunday, of course there was no racing

struggle for the lead, despite the apparent efforts of the drivers to hold in their nags. The continuance of the cold snap having made sleighing a certainty for at least this week the gentlemen who iuaugurated and carried out a carnival en mas que several years ago have been encouraged to make a similar attempt this year. A committee of six, consisting of Messrs, A. T. Whiting, C. C. Dune anson, R. H. Graham, L. Moxley, C. W. Thorn, and M. Willian, have undertaken to get up a carnival, and will hold a meeting to required.

"Some burden new to bear For love's own sweetsake."

He divided into three classes those who were triving to rid themselves of life's heavy burden. a number of District merchants stating that they will participate and desiring to know when the carnival will come off. From present indications to-morrow afternoon will be selected, and arrangements will be made to that end. Pennsylvania avenue between the Capitol and Treasury Department will probably be the course selected, and, from the number of cutters visible yesterday, there will be no trouble in making up a splendid programme.

### VIRGINIA NEWS.

The total State tax in Richmond for 1880 is \$368,933,80, The wife of Judge Taliafero, of Orange County, Although in an incompleted condition, the Shenandoah Valley Railroad has already in use twenty-eight engines. Miss Margaret D. Randolph, daughter of the late Major T. J. Randolph, of Edge Hill, Albermarle County, died last week.

an aggregate of \$3,013,110, an increase of \$99,425 over last year's assessment. Mrs. Mary B. Whiting, relict of Mr. Frank Whit-ing, and daughter of Colonel Nathaniel Burwell, of "Carter Hall," died last week, aged eighty-two Mr. John L. Hurt was accidentally drowned at

The real estate assessment of Portsmouth shows

Lynchburg, on the 29th instant, by falling through the milroad bridge over the canal, near the Pied-The Gordonsville Gazette learns that a woolen mill will soon be started at Shadwell. Over three-fifths of the stock has already been sub-Benjamin Peyton, the oldest white inhabitant of Rappahannock County, died on Monday last in the ninety-third year of his age. Mr. Peyton was

The widow of Jackson, who shot Colonel Ellsworth at the Marshall House, Alexandria, at the beginning of the war in 1861, died at her home in Fairfax County last week. The widow of General E. B. Sumner died last week at Charlottesville. She was the mother of two sons in the regular army and of four daughters, all married to army officers. Miss Mary Abbot died in Amherst, near Lynch-burg, on Christmas night. She was apparently in robust health two months ago, when she was

stricken with galloping consumption. Professor Fred Prosperi, late leader of the orchestra at the National Theatre and at Ford's Opera House, died at his residence in East Washington yesterday morning. He had been ill for nated in the stove-pipe. Loss heavy; no insurance. Clothing.

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